

To: Bahrman, Sarah[Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov]
From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Thur 8/6/2015 1:58:54 PM
Subject: RE: mine blowout near silverton

Thanks for keeping us informed.

From: Bahrman, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:58 AM
To: Ostrander, David
Subject: RE: mine blowout near silverton

Thanks, Dave! FYI – the State DW directors have asked that I share any emergency info with them as soon as I learn of it. I realize that is different than the flow of communication under ICS, but I have committed to doing so. In cases like this, it might mean they hear things twice but they are a conservative bunch and prefer to err on the side of too much info.

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From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:19 PM
To: Bahrman, Sarah
Cc: Ackerman, Joyce
Subject: Re: mine blowout near silverton

Thanks Sarah. I think we have users covered several times now between us and the state. Please coordinate with Joyce Ackerman on phone duty. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2015, at 3:49 PM, Bahrman, Sarah <Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi all –

I contacted the drinking water department at CDPHE to ensure they are aware of the event (just said that there was a mine blowout). They are notifying all downstream users. The water plants on the S Ute and Ute Mtn Ute Reservations are not impacted.

Thanks,
Sarah

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From: Christensen, Stanley

Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:49 PM

To: Card, Joan; Russo, Rebecca; Mylott, Richard; Ostrander, David; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Smith, Paula; Peterson, Cynthia; O'Connor, Darcy; Videtich, Callie; Bahrman, Sarah; Kahn, Lisa; Murray, Bill; Williams, Laura; Wharton, Steve

Cc: McGrath, Shaun; Thomas, Deb; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Faulk, Libby

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Hi all,

Steve Wharton is the Unit Leader for the Remedial side of the house that is working on the Animas River Project.

Please add him to your mailing list.

Stan

From: Card, Joan

Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:40 PM

To: Russo, Rebecca; Mylott, Richard; Ostrander, David; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Smith, Paula; Peterson, Cynthia; O'Connor, Darcy; Videtich, Callie; Bahrman, Sarah; Kahn, Lisa; Murray, Bill; Christensen, Stanley; Williams, Laura

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Subject: RE: mine blowout near silvertown

Let's get very clear about our response team's role in the blowout before we communicate externally on this.

From: Russo, Rebecca

Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:10 PM

To: Mylott, Richard; Ostrander, David; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Smith, Paula; Peterson, Cynthia; O'Connor, Darcy; Videtich, Callie; Bahrman, Sarah; Kahn, Lisa; Murray, Bill; Christensen, Stanley; Williams, Laura

Cc: McGrath, Shaun; Thomas, Deb; Card, Joan; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Faulk, Libby

Subject: RE: mine blowout near silvertown

My thought is that, once we get some details, we might want to notify Congressionals on this one. Seems likely to generate press. Let me know if you have any concerns and please keep me in the loop.

Thanks,

Rebecca

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From: Mylott, Richard

Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:01 PM

To: Ostrander, David; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Smith, Paula; Peterson, Cynthia; O'Connor, Darcy; Videtich, Callie; Bahrman, Sarah; Kahn, Lisa; Murray, Bill; Christensen, Stanley; Williams, Laura

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Importance: High

FYI. Mark Salley, PIO at CDPHE just called about a significant mine blowout at the Gold King mine near Silverton that has or is expected to send a large volume of water/heavy metals through Cement Creek and the Animas, affecting Silverton and downstream. I have no details beyond Mark's vm, but Mark seems to think this would be our lead in terms of a response and notifying downstream water users, intakes etc. Not sure that conclusion necessarily makes sense to me but we should discuss... I'll let you know if I receive additional info. Please share if you have info as well.

Rich

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